

**Village of Indian Head Park
201 Acacia Drive
Indian Head Park, IL 60525**

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

“Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2.06 (3) minutes of public meetings shall include, but need not be limited to: a general description of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided, and a record of votes taken.”

Thursday, October 8, 2009

7:30 P.M.

★ CALL TO ORDER - MAYOR RICHARD ANDREWS

The regular scheduled meeting of the Village of Indian Head Park Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, October 8, 2009 at the Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive, and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Richard Andrews. Deputy Village Clerk Kathy Leach called the roll as follows:

★ ROLL CALL: KATHY LEACH, DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK

PRESENT (AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM):

Mayor Richard Andrews
Trustee Debbie Anselmo
Trustee Brian T. Bailey
Trustee Anne Bermier
Trustee Carol Coleman
Trustee Norman L. Schnauffer
Trustee Matthew P. Walsh II

ALSO PRESENT:

Richard Ramello, Counsel, Storino, Ramello & Durkin
Edward Santen, Water/Public Works Superintendent

NOT PRESENT:

Frank Alonzo, Chief of Police/Administration
Steve Busa, Treasurer
Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk

★ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Richard Andrews and the Board of Trustees led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: *“I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all”*.

★ MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Andrews noted that the financial report for the month ending September 30, 2009 will be deferred to the November Board meeting. He further noted that all of the documents necessary to prepare the financial report were not received in time for the report to be presented on the agenda this evening.

Mayor Andrews noted that the month of October 2009 is Illinois Arts and Humanities month. He noted that statewide celebrations are taking place throughout the state to deepen and expand our relationships with arts and humanities. If anyone is interested, additional information can be found on the Illinois Humanities Website at: www.prairie.org/ah.

Mayor Andrews reported that the School District #106 Safe Route to School Committee had an international walk/bike to school day on October 7, 2009 to encourage children to walk or bike to school. He noted that Trustee Bermier attended. Trustee Bermier complimented all of the crossing guards for helping children cross safely on their way to school. She noted one crossing guard mentioned that it is safer for children to cross from the sidewalk on the east side of Wolf Road over to the west side of Wolf Road because the cars are not so close and there is more space between the sidewalk and roadway.

Mayor Andrews announced that the Village received an invitation from the Village of Westchester inviting the Board and all residents of Indian Head Park to visit the Moving Wall Memorial that will be on display at Mayfair Park on the grounds of the Westchester Park District. He noted that the movable replica of the Vietnam Memorial is engraved with the names of approximately 58,260 American military personnel who lost their lives serving our country in the Vietnam War. The memorial wall will be on display from November 5th through November 9th.

Mayor Andrews noted that the Illinois and Michigan Rendezvous will also be held this coming weekend in Willow Springs on Archer Avenue and additional information about the event was included in *Smoke Signals*.

Mayor Andrews stated that the Village sponsored Halloween party will be held on Saturday, October 24th from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Municipal Facility and volunteers are needed.

Mayor Andrews stated that on Monday, October 28, 2009 he attended a meeting with Trustee Coleman, Chief Frank Alonzo and Dave Gotham from Christopher Burke Engineering at the Township of Lyons. He noted the purpose of the meeting was to make a second presentation with regard to the Village's plans to include Blackhawk Park, Arrowhead Memorial Pointe and the Heritage Center with a portion of the funds from the 10 million park bond issue that was approved several years ago. Mayor Andrews stated that there are more proposals from communities than funds that are available from the park bond issue and Indian Head Park's request is for about \$500,000 of those funds.

Mayor Andrews stated that the presentation from Indian Head Park went well, the funds from the park bond issue would enhance the community and the Township is trying to decide how they will allocate funds to each community. He noted that the population of Indian Head Park is about 5% of the township and the Village is asking for about \$500,000 of the 10 million dollars in funds that are available. Mayor Andrews stated that he received a letter dated October 2, 2009 from Lyons Township Supervisor Russell Hartigan thanking the Village of Indian Head Park for making a presentation that was well received. He noted the Township officials will review all of the requests and the Township hopes to award most of the projects by the end of 2009.

Mayor Andrews stated that the municipal parking lot project started and he asked Superintendent Ed Santen if there was a set date for completion of the project. Superintendent Santen stated that curb and gutter work was completed and excavation of the sub-base started then the weather conditions changed with several days of heavy rains. He noted that if there are five days of rain-free conditions, the asphalt can be installed in the municipal parking to complete the project. Mayor Andrews stated that Federal stimulus funds were received for Blackhawk Trail road work and he inquired when the project will commence. Superintendent Santen stated that some curb work started, surface milling will start next week, rain conditions will not impact that portion of the project and the work is scheduled to be completed within thirty (30) days from the start date according to the contract, if weather conditions are good.

Mayor Andrews stated that Dave Vandervelde, from Christopher Burke Engineering, has been out recovering from surgery, he is doing well and hopes to be back soon working on Village engineering projects with the Village.

★ CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Andrews noted that an ordinance approving a plat of vacation in connection with Commonwealth Edison utility work on Municipal property was previously included on the Consent Agenda. He noted that Village counsel stated that the ordinance does not require Village approval and it was removed from the Consent Agenda. Counsel Richard Ramello stated that the ordinance and resolution that was placed on the consent agenda is related to relocation of the Commonwealth Edison utility easement in connection with work at the Village's pump house building behind the Municipal Facility. Counsel Ramello stated that he spoke with the legal department at Commonwealth Edison and it was determined that the ordinance approving a plat of vacation in connection with the utility easement work is not necessary. He noted that Commonwealth Edison is actually vacating their own easement and the Village Board only needs to approve a resolution to grant an easement to Commonwealth Edison to relocate their utilities in connection with the project. Counsel Ramello further noted that the Village previously granted Commonwealth Edison the right to have the easement so Commonwealth Edison would be the party to vacate the easement if the easement is no longer needed.

Approval of an Ordinance Amending the Planned Unit Development Previously Approved for the Ashbrook Development for the Property Located at 11145 Ashbrook Lane (Ordinance #09-11)

Resolution Approving a Grant of Easement in Connection with Commonwealth Edison Utility Work on Municipal Property Located at 201 Acacia Drive (Resolution #R10-09-1)

Reappointment of Frank Alonzo to the E-911 Board for the term ending 10/13/10.

Trustee Bermier moved, seconded by Trustee Schnaufer, to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0).

Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh

Nays: None

Absent: None

★ APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting - September 10, 2009

After review of Board meeting minutes, Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Walsh to approve the September 10, 2009 regular Board meeting minutes, as presented. Carried by unanimous voice vote (6/0/0).

★ AGENDA ITEM

1. Discussion Regarding Village Finances

Mayor Andrews stated that there are difficult economic times, there was a budget deficit last year and also a budget deficit this year. He noted that the Board has taken measures to try to address those budget issues. Mayor Andrews asked Trustee Norm Schnaufer, as Finance Trustee as well as Trustee Debbie Anselmo to act as a Finance Sub-Committee for the purpose of evaluating expenses and revenues to possibly identify ways to manage the budget and to provide a report back to the Board.

★ QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE BY INDIAN HEAD PARK RESIDENTS ONLY

Trustee Coleman stated that Lenore Halac donated a gavel that was used for meetings of a garden club that was formed in the Village several years. She noted that the gavel can be displayed at the Indian Head Park Heritage Center. Lenore Halac stated that there is also a book of members that joined at that time and she mentioned that she will look for the book to also donate it to the Village.

Trustee Bermier stated she received a letter from a company claiming that for a fee of \$4.95 per month insurance can be provided to insure the water service line from the house to the property boundary. She mentioned that her homeowners insurance policy does not cover water service lines and inquired if anyone else received the letter.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Bailey moved, seconded by Trustee Anselmo, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 8:10 p.m. Carried by unanimous voice vote (6/0/0).

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Leach, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary